



The City of Northlake Northlake News

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City Desk **by Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin** **Northlake Preparing for the Rest of the 21st Century**

The City of Northlake will implement several long awaited Public Works improvements in 2025 which will serve the City up to or past the year 2100.

First and foremost will be the rebuilding of the City's main water pumping station and 3 million gallon reservoir. This facility was originally built in 1960, and has served the City well. This project has been in the planning stages for some time and has finally cleared all of the regulatory hurdles. The \$10 million investment in this project will serve the community for the next 75 years.

The next project will be the reconstruction of Railroad Avenue with the replacement of the water main. We had hoped this \$6 million project would have started last year, but the IDOT review process took longer than anticipated. We are looking forward to this project which will serve our industrial areas. The watermain will have a 75 year life expectancy.

Other projects include the interconnection with the Village of Franklin Park's water system. Planning for this project, began in 2005, but the implementation has been delayed due to the work on the Tri-State tollway. The new water main has been placed under the new roadway and should be fully connected in 2025, insuring that the City has two sources of water through Melrose Park and Franklin Park.

The water main on Roy Avenue between Country Club and Belle will also be replaced. Eleven lead water services have been identified on these blocks and will be replaced as part of this project.

The City will be following up on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's Streambank Stabilization Project on the south side of town with the excavation and landscaping of adjoining areas to blend in and complement the MWRD's work.

Traffic signal modernization projects on Wolf Road are planned as well as various storm water management projects and sanitary sewer lining projects. The total investment in infrastructure for these projects will be approximately \$27 million. The City has lined up State and Federal funding of approximately \$10 million with the remaining amount paid from the 2025 budget and reserves the City has achieved while waiting for final approval on these projects.

Bond Issue to be Paid Early

In 2009, the voters approved a bond issue for the construction of the new police station. The bond issue runs until 2032. In December, the City will prepay a portion of this bond issue which will advance the final payment to December, 2028 instead of December, 2032, saving our residents \$557,425 in interest.

Please have a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

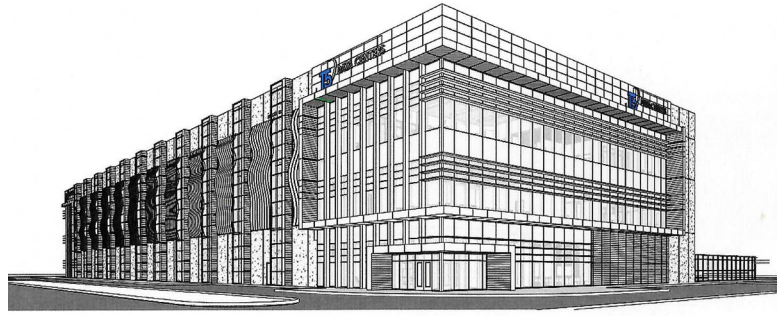
Northlake's 5th Data Center Underway

Ground was broken on September 24 for the T5 Data Center located at the end of Garnet Drive, just north of Grand Avenue. This will be Northlake's fifth data center.

The new facility will be called T5 Chicago III and will be 250,000 square feet with 36 megawatts for IT capacity.

The new data center will be T5's third facility in the Chicago area with the 3 story building becoming T5's flagship data center.

The City of Northlake has become an important data center submarket in the Chicago area. The real estate taxes generated by these centers support local government, especially the schools, benefitting all Northlake residents. The City of Northlake has seen continued redevelopment and investment in its industrial corridor from its beginnings in the 1950's.



Balanced Budget With No Tax Increase

In December, the City Council will be considering the City's budget for 2025. The proposed budget, which provides for a major infrastructure investment, is balanced with no increase in the City's portion of the real estate tax for the 7th year in a row. The City maintains a strong financial position through fiscal discipline as well as continued economic growth.

The infrastructure projects planned for 2025 are being done without an increase in real estate taxes or borrowing.

Northlake Tax Levy History

2018	\$6,491,252
2019	\$6,492,443
2020	\$6,494,476
2021	\$6,496,933
2022	\$6,493,669
2023	\$6,493,669
2024	\$6,493,669

November 5, 2024 Referendum Results

Question: Should the City of Northlake consider increasing the fine for the possession or discharge of fireworks from \$50.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00?

Results: Yes: 1546 (44.97%) No: 1892 (55.03%)

Be a Good Neighbor

Residents are reminded to not blow or shovel snow onto the street when cleaning driveways or sidewalks. If you have a fire hydrant in front of or near your home, please be a good citizen and keep it free of ice and snow. It can be a matter of life or death for firefighters to be able to locate and get to the hydrants quickly in a fire emergency. If possible, please help elderly neighbors with their sidewalks and by clearing snow from school bus stops and school crossings.

2024 Fall Tree Planting Completed

The City's 2024 tree program has been completed with the planting of 75 new trees throughout the City. The City plants 150 trees every year, half in the spring and half in the fall. Since 1997, over 4,000 trees have been planted by the City.

Trees are an essential part of the environment, providing shade to help reduce the urban "heat island" effect caused by heat being absorbed by concrete and asphalt. Trees also help with reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by taking it in and producing oxygen, sequestering the carbon in its trunk and root system. Trees also help with storm run off by absorbing water and also increasing property values.

Please remember that trees in the parkway can not be cut without the City's permission. The parkway is generally the area 20 feet behind the curb. If you have a question about a tree in this area, or would like to reserve a tree for the 2025 planting season, call Public Works at 708-562-0940.

State Street Maple 504 N. Wolf 200 Hayes (2) 65 Fullerton (2) 200 Fullerton 265 Lyndale 361 Parkview 169 West 123 S. Wolf 404 Morse	Eastern Redbud Maple 20 Wagner 201 Palmer 408 Major Doyle Dr. (S. side) 75 Franklin 307 Morse 200 E. Hirsch	Autumn Blaze Maple 205 MacArthur (2) 212 Wagner 236 Lyndale 273 Lyndale (2) 205 Palmer 328 N. Prater 338 Major (2) 220 Village
Magyar Upright Ginkgo King Arthur Road 33 MacArthur 21 Lyndale 38 Roberta 133 Roberta 62 Westward Ho 181 Westward HooHo 135 S. Roy	Greenspire Linden 209 Hayes 21 E. Lyndale 321 Village 66 Westward Ho 70 Westward Ho 209 W. Roy	Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac Laverne & Palmer 111 Village 321 Village 337 Village (2) 315 Parkview City Centre – Doyle 120 S. Robert (2)
Common Hackberry 201 E. Hayes (2) 225 Westward Ho 316 Victoria	Redpoint Maple 340 Dewey 344 Laporte (3) 221 Whitehall 224 Major 220 Village 105 Franklin	Skyline Honey Locust 239 Parkview 160 Westward Ho 302 E. Morse 406 E. Morse 220 S. Roy 200 E. Hirsch (2) Across from 201 S. Lakewood

City's History Video Available on Line

The City of Northlake's 75th anniversary history video "A Journey Down Addison Creek" is currently available in installments on the City's web site and Facebook. The first installment which was released in late October, garnered over 7,000 views. Subsequent installments will appear monthly with the final installment scheduled for March, 2025. Tune in for a fun and informative adventure into our community's past and present.

Northlake: An Industrial Powerhouse

According to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning’s latest “Community Snapshot,” the City of Northlake is one of the area’s industrial power houses. Of the 15 communities that are located entirely in Leyden and Proviso townships, Northlake ranks #3 in assessed valuation of its industrial areas, at \$238,513,484. Franklin Park is by far the largest, coming in at \$599,969,486, with Melrose Park coming in second at \$256,744,191.

What does this all mean? Having a strong and healthy industrial base provides employment for residents and a stable tax base to provide good schools and support local services, such as police, fire, libraries and parks, all of which have a direct impact on the quality of life in our communities.

We are fortunate to have this concentration of industrial strength available to our communities.

Collectively, we must all work together to maintain, strengthen and expand the commercial and industrial corridors so that our community remains one of the Chicago area’s major job centers. The continued health and vitality of not only our communities, but surrounding communities, depends on it.

Christmas Recycling List

Even if you have been a good recycler all year long, what to do with holiday decorations and gift wrap may present a challenge. Here is the list of recyclable and non-recyclable.

Recyclable: gift boxes, tissue paper, shoe boxes, holiday cards/envelopes, gift bags (paper) and wrapping paper (non-metallic).

Non-Recyclable: bubble wrap, foam peanuts, ribbon and bows, sticky gift labels, coated gift bags, metallic wrapping paper, soiled disposable tableware, tree decorations.

Christmas and other holiday trees will be picked up January 4th and January 10th. Please remove any tinsel, ornaments or lights.

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Lead Water Service Replacement Moves Forward

The City of Northlake replaced 81 lead water services in 2024 at a cost of approximately \$600,000. Public Works crews will continue to inventory the system with a goal of replacing an additional 100 lead water services in 2025. It is estimated that 20% of the residential water services in Northlake are lead. The City is on track to complete the replacement program well before the 10 year deadline imposed by State and Federal authorities.

Golfview Water Main Replacement Completed

The water main replacement project on the 100 block of Golfview Drive was completed in October. This project took a little longer than usual because of coordinating construction work with ComEd’s installation of an underground electrical cable at the same time. Besides the good news on completion of this project, no lead water services were discovered during the course of the project. The City’s water main replacement program has been ongoing since 1990, with close to 40% of water mains being replaced since then, with all cast iron 4 inch diameter water main being replaced with 8 inch ductile iron mains. The new water mains have a service life of approximately 80 years, which will serve our community into the 22nd century.

Police Pension Funding Continues to Improve

The latest Municipal Compliance Report for the fiscal year ending 12/31/23 for the Northlake Police Pension Fund shows that the funding ratio has continued to improve going from 76% in the previous year to 77.76% for 2023. State law requires a 90% funding ratio by 2040.

If current trends and funding levels continue, and the City continues to exercise fiscal discipline, we should be able to meet the 90% requirement well before the 2040 deadline.



Deer in Creek

A deer was spotted last week wading through Addison Creek near Hirsch. Please do not approach or feed this or other wild life if you encounter them.

Photo contributed by
Gary Michelsen,

City Hall will be
closed on
January 20th
for Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

Come in out of the cold and Join us for an evening of

KIDS'BINGO

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

(or until the prizes run out)

Sandy Vazquez Community Center

316 La Porte

FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE*FREE

(Sponsored by the Northlake Youth Commission)

Reminder to New Residents: The City of Northlake abolished the
requirement of annual vehicle stickers and fees
(except for commercial vehicles)

December 14 National Wreaths Across America Day

Fairview Memorial Cemetery
900 N. Wolf Road
Northlake, IL

Come out and help Auxiliary Unit 888 place wreaths on the veteran's graves. Ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m. by the Bible in the center of the Cemetery. Please sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December, or register to help place wreaths at <https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/173327>.

Please specify: Location ID: ILFCMN Group ID: IL0237P



Scan this QR code to register or sponsor
a Veterans Wreath



Join us every week on Thursday Nights at 8:00 p.m. for 50/50 drawing to help support our needy veterans.

American legion Auxiliary Unit 888
Howard H. Rohde Pos 888
241 E. North Avenue
Northlake, IL 60164

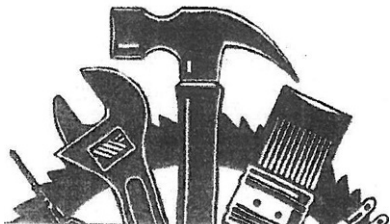


FOR RESIDENTS SOUTH OF NORTH AVE.

Handyman Program

For Proviso Township

The Handyman Program, a part of Senior Services in Proviso Township, is available to homeowners over age 60 residing in the township. For a \$5.00 fuel fee, the handyman will visit your home and make small repairs, charging only for the cost of any needed parts. The handymen, are available by appointment . Call 708-547-4001.



FOR RESIDENTS NORTH OF NORTH AVE.

Leyden Handyman Program



For Senior Citizens And the disabled

From changing a light bulb to replacing cabinet hinges, no job is too small. The service is free, however, reimbursement for parts is required.

Call for more information:
847-455-8616

Leyden Community Food Pantry

Leyden Community Food Pantry is collecting donations for the food pantry. Canned goods, dry goods and non-perishable food items as well as toiletries are being accepted. You can also get a gift certificate from your favorite grocery store in the name of Leyden Community Food Pantry. Northlake City Hall has a collection box in the lobby where you can drop off items. Also, you can give them directly to Leyden Community Food Pantry at 2501 N. Mannheim, Franklin Park. For more information and a list of what is needed call 847-455-8616.

New Officers in Northlake

Two new officers were sworn in on October 7th at the City Council meeting. Congratulations to both. From left to right: Officer Zachary Fowler and Officer Colin Whitson.



City Hall will be closed on the following dates:
December 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025

In Partnership with The City of Northlake
and Participating Organizations:

WINTER WONDERLAND

Bonfire & Fireworks
8:00 p.m.

Hot Cocoa! Churros! & Cookies for SALE!!

Friday, December 6 • 5-8 PM
Grant Park Recreation Center, Northlake

Holiday fun! Visit Santa Claus!
Free family event with inflatables, holiday-themed crafts, family bingo, free hot dogs* and train rides!

* While supplies last.

All VPD Special Event dates, locations, and advertised activities are subject to change. Please visit vdpark.org for current information. Always check our Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/vdparks.

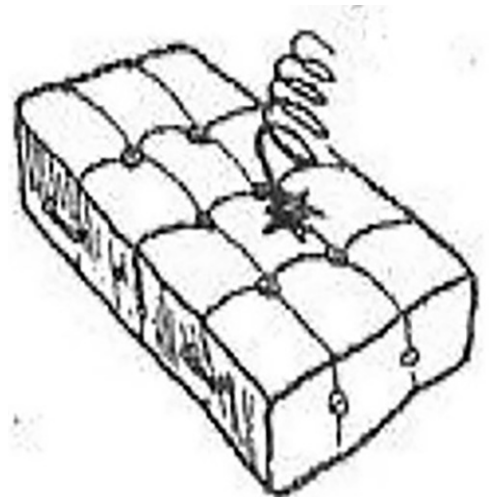
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Bonus this year only: Fireworks and Bonfire

Mattress Collection

For the health and safety of the refuse collectors, all mattresses must be wrapped in plastic when putting them out with the trash.



Calendar of Events – 2024/2025

December	January
December 2 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00	January 1 - City Hall Closed for New Year's Day January 7 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg.-6:30
December 10 - Community Events and Affairs Mtg. – 6:30	January 8 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30
December 11 - Youth Commission Meeting – 6:30	January 13 - Senior Citizen's Commission Mtg. - 6:30
December 16 - Senior Citizen's Commission Mtg. – 10:00	January 13 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00
December 16 - Finance Meeting – 6:30 City Council Meeting – 7:00	January 20 - City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Day
December 17 - Court	January 21 - Court
December 25 - City Hall Closed for the Christmas Holiday	January 28 - Police Commission Mtg. at P.D. – 6:00

Solicitors Warning

The City of Northlake, the Northlake Police Department and the Northlake Fire Department are **NOT** asking for donations from residents of Northlake. If you receive a phone call, or someone solicits door to door, before you donate, call Northlake Police Department at 708-531-5755 to see if anyone who request funds is registered with the Police Department.



You can make a difference. Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. It's time to be Thankful for our Blessings; and to help others who are less fortunate.

City Hall & Police Department employees, Northlake's Elected Officials, local businesses, Howard H. Rohde Post 888 American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and residents have been helping the less fortunate in our community during the Holiday Season since **1994**. The program provides for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and gifts for the children. The remainder of the proceeds help our residents all year long when a personal or financial crisis arise.

We are asking for monetary donations, gift certificates, toys or if you prefer you may adopt a child off the Angel Tree located in the Records Division of the Northlake Police Department. Please make checks payable to: **NLPD Holiday Cheer Program.**

Any contributions are greatly appreciated!

Please drop off donations by Friday, December 13th. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Colón at (708) 531-5755 or dcolon@northlakecity.com.

Thank You!!!